

Application Serial No. 10/577,026
Reply to Office Action of November 29, 2007

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REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated November 29, 2008, the Examiner states that Claims 20-46 are pending, and Claims 20-46 are rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, the drawing figures are objected to for not showing the claimed replenish enable/disable valve as a solenoid valve. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. Drawing Figure 1 depicts the replenish enable/disable valve 72. The description at page 6, lines 12-19 clearly indicates that the replenish enable/disable valve may be a solenoid valve. Whether or not the replenish enable/disable valve is a solenoid valve, valve 72 would be depicted the same in Figure 1. Therefore, the Applicant considers that the objection to the drawing figures is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claims 20-22 are objected to for various informalities, and Claims 20-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Applicant has amended the claims in view of these objections/rejections, and considers that the amendments overcome the objections/rejections.

The rejection to claim 20 is due to a possible lack of clarity of the wording "and a second main connection which is connected to a feed or discharge additional main duct as in the second main connection of the first hydraulic motor". Actually, in the above wording, the word "main" should not have been mentioned because it is not mentioned in claim 1 of the PCT application as filed and published. The corresponding part of this claim is French is "et un deuxième raccord principal (30B ; 40B ; 230B) qui est relié à une conduite supplémentaire d'alimentation ou d'échappement (60, 62 ; 250' ; 254'), de même que le deuxième raccord principal (10B ; 20B ; 210B) du premier moteur hydraulique (10 ; 20 ; 210)". The French counterpart of the word "main" is "principale", but the above wording refers to a "conduite supplémentaire d'alimentation ou d'échappement" and not to a "conduite principale supplémentaire d'alimentation ou d'échappement".

Further, as made clear throughout the description, this feed or discharge additional duct can be duct 60 or 62 of Figures 1 to 4, or ducts 250' and 254' of Figure 5. This is also clear due to the mention of these numerals references between brackets in Claim 1 of the PCT application. The amendment in Claim 20 clarifies this. According to the first embodiment of Figures 1-4, the first and second

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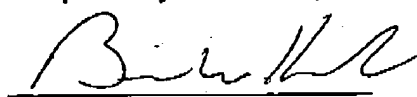
feed or discharge additional and ducts form a single interconnection duct 60 or 62 (see also amended Claims 33 and 34). According to the second embodiment of Figure 5, these ducts are two different ducts 250' and 254', respectively connected to respective ones of two orifices of an additional main pump.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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